(ii) Thorough periodical examination of coaches, wagons and locomotives in sheds and shops io keep ihem in good fettle,

(iii) Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles to identify fractures.

(iv) Design improvement of certain type of rolling stock.

(v) Upgradation of maintenance skill of staff to suit advanced technologies.

fvj) Identification of vulnerable and lilment-prone sections and induction of necessary inputs therein.

i\ii) Training, counselling and monitoring of running staff.

<\iii) Constitution of High-level safety teams to conduct intensive inspections of field installations and operating practices $t_0$ enhance safety consciousness at the grass-root level.

**Resignation by the Chairman, Konkan Railways**

211. SHRI VIRENDR/v KATARJA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be picas. J to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman. Konkan Railways has submit-i resignation and jf s°- the details thereof:

lb) what action has been taken by Government thereon:

(c) whether it is a'so a fact th&< ral to-i Engineers working in the tunnel and bridges on the Konkan Railways have sought permission to return 'o their respective Railways Zones; and

(d) if so. i he details of th; reasons submitted by them and :. : ion taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) No, Sic.

(d) Does noi arise.

Contract for optical fibre communi'. atlon system for Konkan R <-v. lys

212. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARlA : Will ihe Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased (o state:

(a) whether the contract for the optical fibre communication system for Konkan Railways hag been finalised and if so. the Dames of the party [0 whom the said contract was given;

*lb)* the details of the quotation received from (he contractor or the optical fibre communication system; and

(c) whether ii is a fact that the Chief of Konkan Railways haj refused to award contract f ths r"l.ir>! fibre com-municaticn system in favour of the per-s; $_n$ recommended by him and if so, the names of *ths* said firm and the rates i by that firm?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K JAFFER SHARIEF): la) to (c). Information ;$_s$ being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

अहमदाबाद-हावड़ा ट्रेन का देरी से चलना

213. श्री आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अहमदाबाद-हावड़ा एक्सप्रेस डप और हावड़ा-अहमदाबाद एक्सप्रेस डाउन अपने निर्धारित समय से नहीं चल रही है, यदि हां, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ;